

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1950, was estimated to be 552,030, comprising 283,652 Males and 268,378 Females.

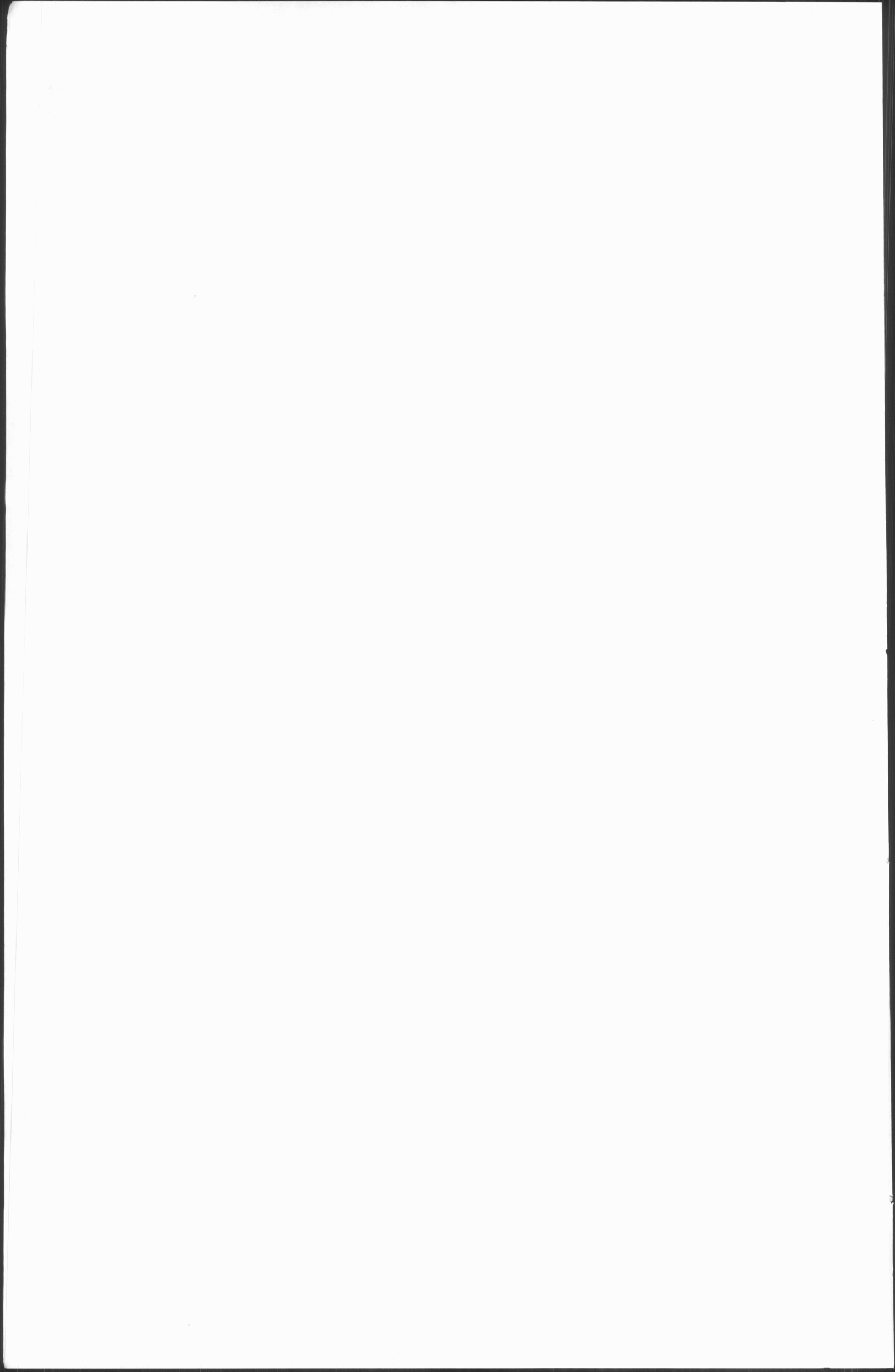
On the 31st December, 1949, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 294,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		<u>MAY</u>		<u>5 Months ended MAY</u>	
		<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Marriages	Number	448	425	2,433	2,197
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	9.51	9.45	10.69	10.09
Births	Number	1,194	1,186	5,703	5,455
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	25.35	26.38	25.06	25.05
Deaths	Number	423	422	1,875	1,836
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	8.98	9.39	8.24	8.43
Infant Mortality	Number	30	34	169	157
	Rate per 1000 Live Births.	25.13	28.67	29.63	28.78
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis		13	7	55	51
Cancer		65	69	277	258
Influenza		1	-	3	5
Diphtheria		-	-	.	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		41	34	187	169
Arteriosclerosis		8	14	39	73
Diseases of the Heart		132	126	532	526
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		7	34	50	110
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		6	3	13	21
Nephritis		13	12	35	59
Diseases of Early Infancy		19	17	120	86
Senility		2	5	19	36
Accidents		34	29	162	123
All Other Causes		82	72	383	317
TOTAL		423	422	1,875	1,836

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

/ Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June, totalled 378,551 acres, an increase of 77,042 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,086,200 acres, an increase of 187,437 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	3,833,034	2,248,788	25,810,961	20,560,646
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£6.17.11d.	£4. 4. 7d.	£47. 6. 0d.	£39. 7. 6d.
Expenditure	3,448,598	2,417,472	25,787,203	21,377,907
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£6. 4. 1d.	£4.11. 0d.	£47. 5. 1d.	£40.18. 9d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th June amounted to £39,612,353 or £71.2.4d. per head of population as against £37,534,968 or £70. 9. 4d. per head as at the 30th June last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

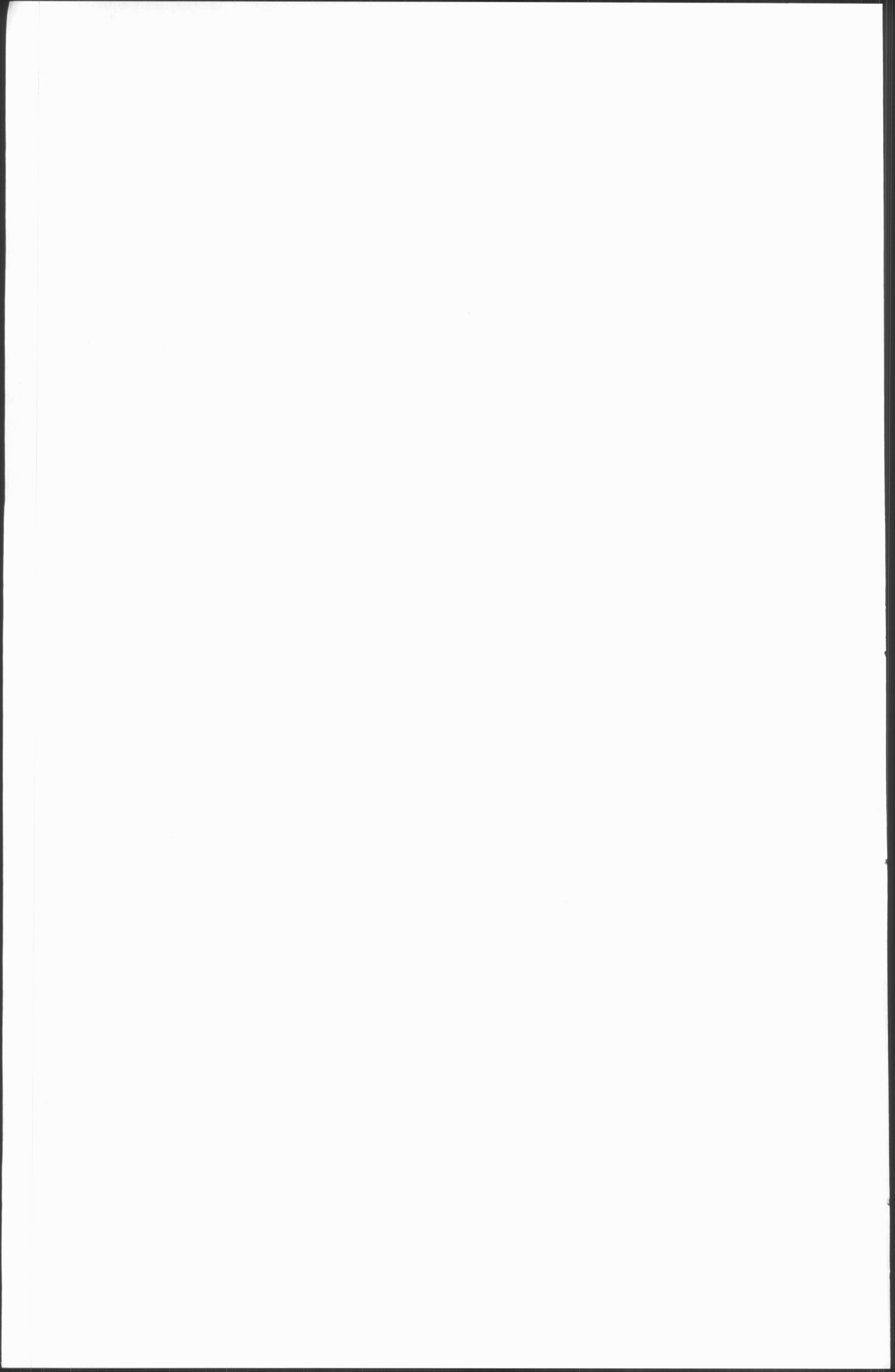
The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 30th June, 1950, amounted to £7,525,457 compared with £6,092,246 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No.	2,256	1,837	22,128	19,436
	£	£2,553,909	£1,206,482	£20,148,416	£11,477,590
Mortgages	No.	1,624	1,054	13,993	10,567
	£	£2,126,996	£982,874	£15,962,278	£10,419,810
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,085	896	10,907	10,042

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
Year ended 30th June, 1949	18,522,779	11,694,334	45,148,825	2,085,204
Year ended 30th June, 1950	23,126,660	15,063,742	49,812,041	2,412,073
Month of June, 1949	1,903,149	1,244,920	4,520,502	195,347
Month of June, 1950	1,892,135	1,139,399	5,431,533	189,879





COMPANIES REGISTERED.

108 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,686,100 and 68 Foreign Companies were registered during the twelve months ended June, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 116 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,563,500 and 51 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	12 Months ended JUNE					
	1950			1949		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	24	53,364	62,947	19	18,924	4,313
Deeds of Assignment(a)	16	42,602	21,595	13	55,396	46,586
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

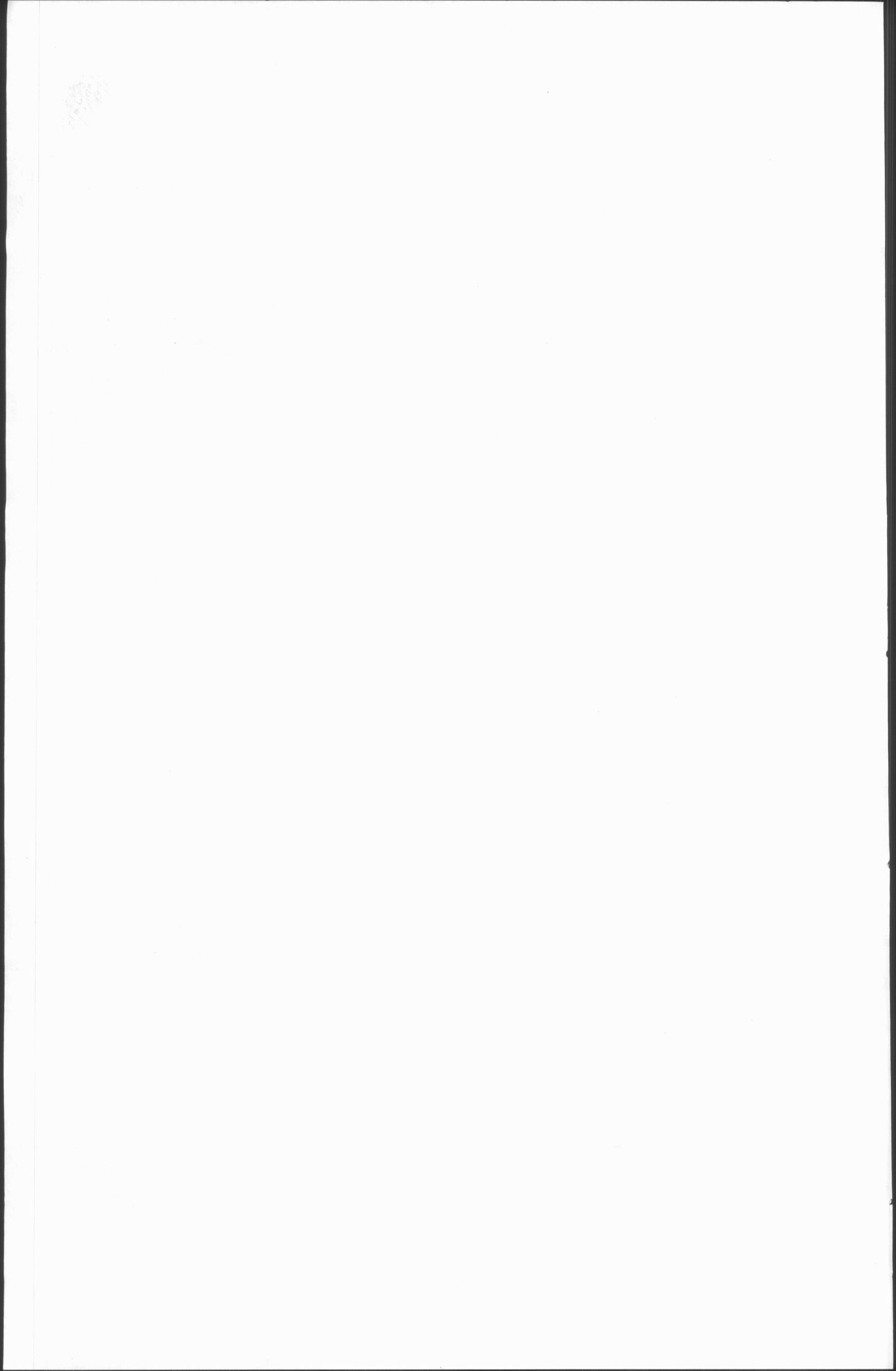
The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£	489,200	462,500	5,748,700	4,806,400
Working Expenses (a)	£	677,877	585,463	6,749,893	6,123,611
Train Miles Run	No.	605,629	598,795	6,150,480	6,478,467
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 119,738	93,822	(c) 1,117,189	904,688
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	816,690	1,035,208	10,037,034	11,486,407
Motor Bus	No.	39,934	34,975	435,431	326,682
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		248,834	241,694	2,470,780	2,380,892
Livestock		8,438	9,599	137,919	154,019
Departmental (Free Freight)		81,725	56,284	741,466	544,867
Total		338,997	307,577	3,350,165	3,079,778
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		37,135,705	34,950,906	375,184,772	345,627,571
Livestock		924,473	1,350,004	16,767,613	19,375,611
Departmental (Free Freight)		10,004,599	8,222,007	92,596,632	82,813,935
Total		48,064,777	44,522,917	484,549,017	447,817,518

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 6th May.

(c) Period covered - 3rd July to 6th May.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	833
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
1950 -								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199
March	390	173	1	112	827	510	9	242
April	422	114	7	94	817	381	12	215
May	477	149	8	104	933	430	15	190

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)\*

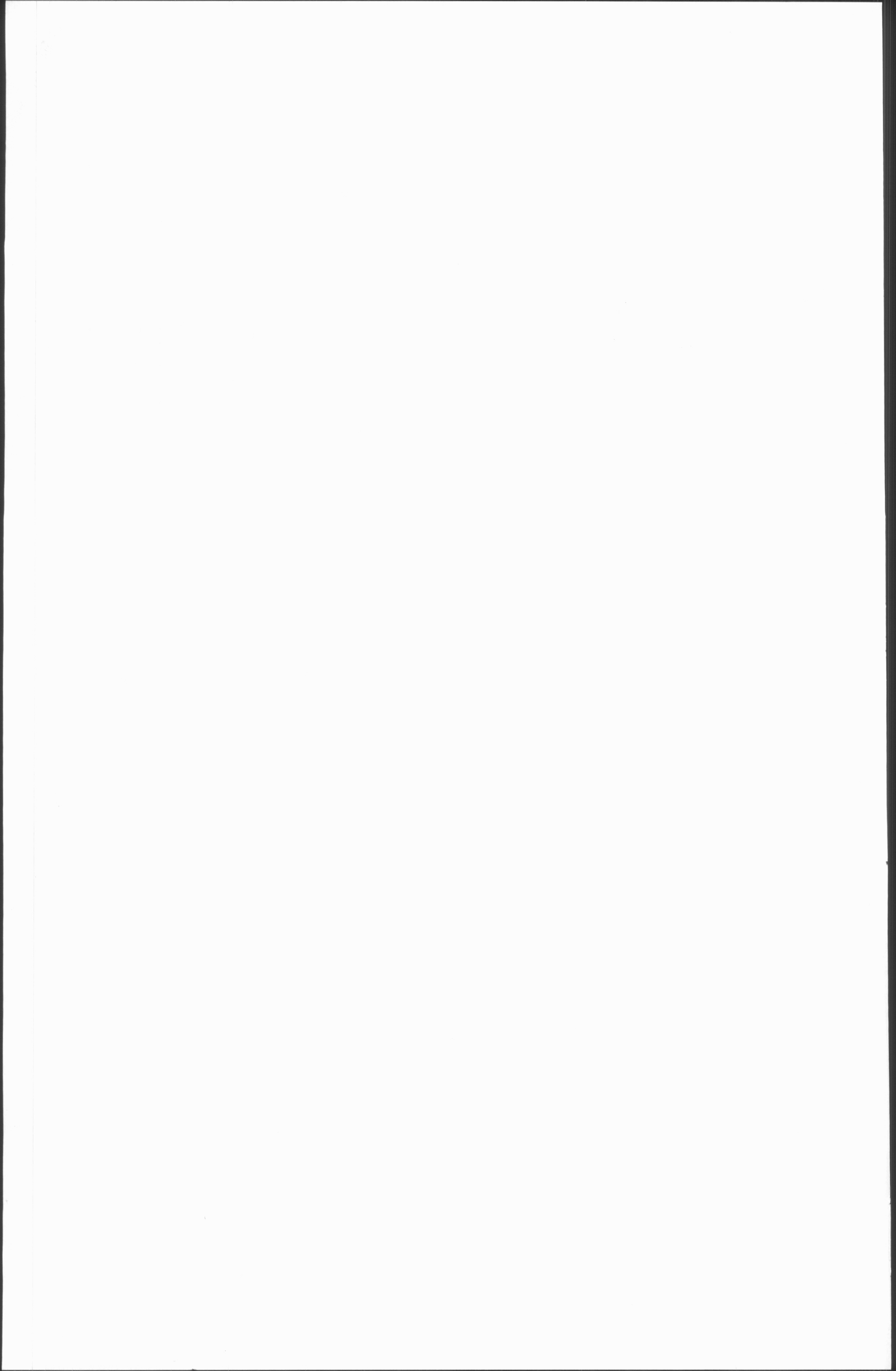
Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
December	25,392	11,744	402	6,924	43,128	40,167	781	11,378
1950 -								
January	26,108	11,853	427	6,973	42,977	37,811	764	11,259
February	26,438	11,900	426	7,023	44,377	39,339	786	11,592
March	26,705	11,997	427	7,083	45,363	40,344	802	11,866
April	27,054	11,999	424	7,115	45,946	40,210	794	12,039
May	27,554	12,154	427	7,124	47,135	41,026	805	12,217

\* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for May, 1950, 146 Cars; 656 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, May, 1950 and 1949 and 11 months ending May, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MAY		11 Months ended MAY		MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Oversea	3,519	2,137	30,935	19,827	5,058	5,431	52,163	47,904
Interstate	3,468	2,745	30,457	28,070	821	405	5,664	4,269
TOTAL	6,987	4,882	61,392	47,897	5,879	5,836	57,827	52,173



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
<u>1949</u> - Mar. Qr.	194	149	523	705	13	32	73	178	803	1,064
<u>1950</u> - Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No. Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364 1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399 2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043 3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290 4,113
<u>1949</u> - Mar. Qr.	297	447	59	48	354	352	6	5	716 852
<u>1950</u> - Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727 916

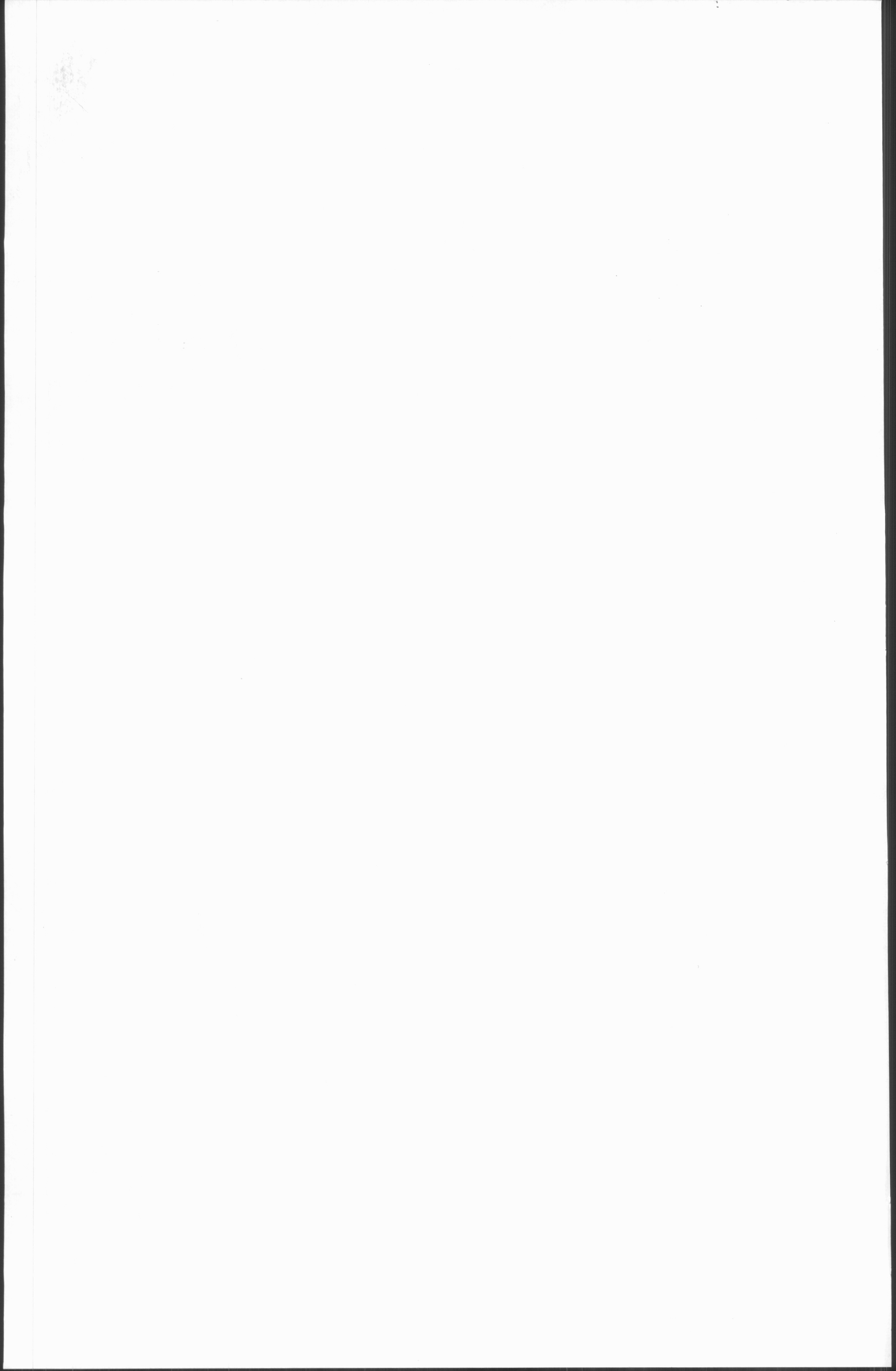
BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

472,873 lbs. were produced during May, 1950 and 14,062,891 lbs. for the eleven months ended May, 1950, as against 588,335 and 14,565,589 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JUNE		6 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	73,577	82,418	298,670	329,812
Value (Aust. Currency) £	1,138,784	887,019	4,638,090	3,549,596

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the six months ended June, 1950, amounted to £549,327. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £296,772.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	JUNE		6 Months ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1568	1459	1537	1397	1517	1406	1473	1436
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1702	1598	1671	1540	1616	1498	1564	1474
Northam	1594	1477	1560	1418	1532	1419	1485	1344
Bunbury	1573	1466	1539	1408	1532	1421	1488	1350
Geraldton	1616	1496	1578	1434	1590	1472	1538	1403
Collie	1572	1482	1547	1419	1454	1353	1411	1287

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

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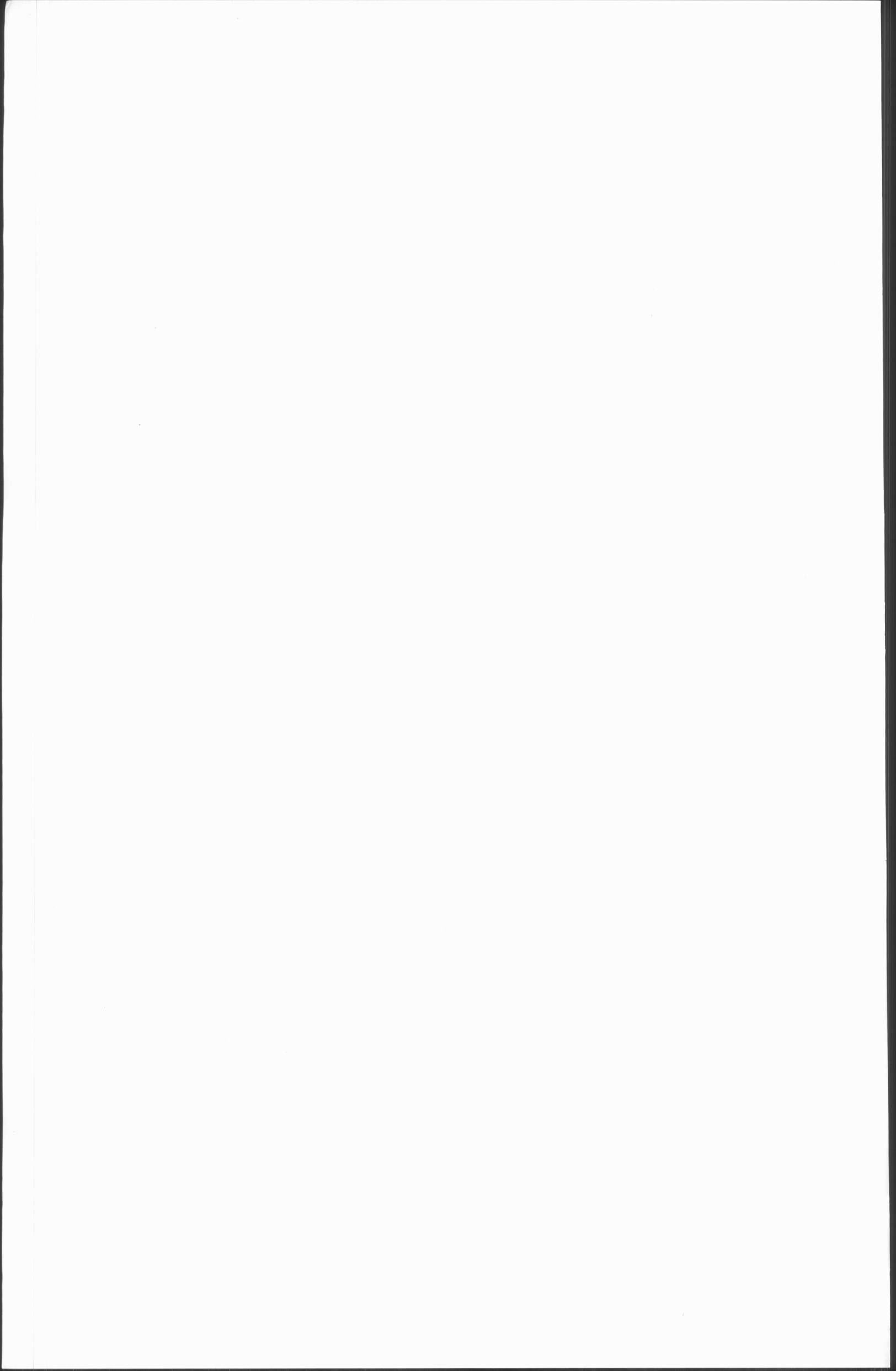
Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,756	38,819	156,575
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,064	39,050	157,114
March	112,063	37,770	149,833	119,009	39,708	158,717
April	112,671	37,887	150,558	119,440	39,726	159,166
May	112,777	37,782	150,559	120,616	39,755	160,371
June	113,010	37,928	150,938			
July	111,190	37,991	149,181			
August	113,003	38,098	151,101			
September	113,933	38,358	152,291			
October	114,603	38,649	153,252			
November	116,102	39,143	155,245			
December	117,493	39,684	157,177			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	179	199	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	182	196	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	186	198	1045	1145	1264	1371	1415
April	153	167	176	187	199	1051	1144	1264	1377	1415
May	154	168	177	187	201	1069	1151	1277	1354	1418
June	154	167	177	187		1087	1153	1277	1362	
July	157	167	177	182		1096	1168	1301	1381	
August	159	167	179	187		1109	1181	1294	1377	
September	160	168	180	191		1114	1172	1302	1365	
October	161	168	180	191		1118	1184	1318	1375	
November	158	169	182	192		1133	1215	1349	1402	
December	163	170	182	193		1165	1267	1385	1470	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.





UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1949 -</u>									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
<u>1950 -</u>									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
31st July, 1950	£ s. d. 7. 3. 6.	£ s. d. 3. 17. 6.	£ s. d. 7. 3. 3.	£ s. d. 3. 17. 4.	£ s. d. 7. 11. 6.	£ s. d. 4. 1.10.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	21,388	19,221	235,068	220,686
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	19,579	17,582	214,898	200,947

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
June, 1950	16,443	449	37,204	6,427
June, 1949	12,500	530	42,923	7,141
6 Months ended JUNE, 1950	55,331	2,184	325,044	47,115
6 Months ended JUNE, 1949	48,012	2,326	349,543	54,970

